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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON ME: EBAN MEETING WITH SYG

1. ISRAELI FONMIN EBAN MET WITH SYG, AT REQUEST OF LATTER,
MAY 15. ISRAELI MISOFF HAS GIVEN FOLLOWING REPORT OF THIS
MEETING.

2. EBAN COMMENCED BY STATING THAT UPCOMING ME DEBATE RAISED
THREE QUESTIONS IN HIS MIND. FIRST, METHOD OF UN REPORTING
RAISES BASIC ISSUE CONCERNING ABILITY OF CONDUCTING SERIOUS
TALKS WITH UN REPS, PARTICULARLY IF CONVERSATIONS EVENTUALLY
BECOME PUBLIC INFORMATION. SECONDLY, ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF
RES 242 WAS BASED ON ISRAELI INTERPRETATION OF THAT RES. ISRAEL
IS NOT COMMITTED TO 242 IF IT IS CHANGED OR GIVEN DIFFERENT
INTERPRETATION. FINALLY, SC DEBATE SHOULD NOT PROCEED IN
DIRECTION OF THREATS, ETC., FOR THIS WOULD DESTROY ANY CHANCES
OF COOPERATION BY GOI WITH UN.

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3. ISRAEL DOES NOT BELIEVE, EBAN CONTINUED, THAT ANY NEW MECHANISM, SUCH AS SC COMITE, IS NECESSARY AND IN FACT NEW MECHANISM WOULD CAUSE HARM. AT ANY RATE, ISRAEL WILL NOT COOPERATE WITH SUCH COMITE SINCE IT WOULD BE UNBALANCED BY THE VERY NATURE OF SC MEMBERSHIP.

4. WALDHEIM STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID ON MAY 14 AND HAD ASKED HIS OPINION ON COMITE IDEA. MEGUID HAD AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY, NOTING THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE COMITE OF WHOLE OR SMALLER. WALDHEIM THEN SAID TO EBAN THAT, IF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF SC WERE NOMINATED " TO STAND BY SIDE OF SYG AND JARRING" AND WITH WHOM IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSULT, PERHAPS THIS COULD BE HELPFUL. EBAN EMPHATICALLY REJECTED THIS IDEA AND STRESSED SYG AT ANY TIME CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH ANY MEMBER OF UN AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR COMITE.

5. EBAN THEN STATED THAT FOR ISRAEL THERE IS IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH SYG WHO IS " AN ORGAN OF UN" THAN IN NEGOTIATING WITH HIM IF THERE IS GROUP BEHIND HIM WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ON BASIS OF UNACCEPTABLE RES. RES WHICH ESTABLISHED SUCH A GROUP WOULD COMPLETELY BLOCK SYG' S WAY, EBAN EMPHASIZED. WITH RESPECT TO ACTIVITY BY SYG HIMSELF, THERE ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERATIONS OF TIMING, SUBSTANCE, AND CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ISRAEL CANNOT CONCEIVE ACTIVITY BY SYG SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SC GROUP. FATE OF SUCH BODY, EBAN SAID, WOULD LIKE GA COMITE ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN TERRITORIES OR ATTEMPT BY U THANT FEW YEARS AGO TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COMITE ON JERUSALEM.

6. SYG STATED HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF EBAN' S POINTS AND CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT AGREEMENT OF PARTIES IS CONDITION TO ANY EFFECTIVE ACTIVITIES OR ANY MECHANISM.

7. AFTER ABOVE WAS TYPED, ISRAELI MISOFF CALLED TO INFORM US HE HAD NEGLECTED CERTAIN POINTS IN HIS EARLIER BRIEFING. EARLY IN CONVERSATION, EBAN, AT REQUEST OF SYG, HAD REVIEWED ISRAELI VIEW OF EGYPTIAN POSITION AND PARTICULARLY POINTED OUT ISRAELI ASSESSMENT THAT LIKELIHOOD OF EGYPTIAN RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES WAS VERY SLIGHT. AT PRESENT EGYPT IS MAKING SHOW OF

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ACTION WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY PROPAGANDA EXERCISE. APPROACH TO SC SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, GOI BELIEVED, EBAN SAID, PROSIMITY TALKS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SOUGHT AND OBSTACLES SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN WAY.
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